

Appointment

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Subject: DRBC 1006 Grant Briefing
Location: WPD DD Conference Room
Start: 12/13/2016 8:00:00 PM
End: 12/13/2016 9:00:00 PM
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Required Attendees: Capacasa, Jon; Lueckenhoff, Dominique; MacKnight, Evelyn; McFadden, Angela
Optional Attendees: Scharl, Kimberly; Hopkins, Edward J.; Price-Fay, Michelle; Reynolds, Lori

Rescheduling for a full hour.

Meeting to update Jon, Dom and Ev on DRBC grant issues and possible withholding of funding.
Briefing paper forthcoming.

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Email background:

From: "Capacasa, Jon" <Capacasa.jon@epa.gov>
Date: December 5, 2016 at 5:19:31 PM EST
To: "McFadden, Angela" <McFadden.Angela@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Notes from today's meeting about DRBC's grant application for 2017

Will need a briefing for Dom and Evelyn and me if we have a path heading towards withholding a new award.

Thanks

Jon

From: McFadden, Angela
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2016 4:55 PM
To: Capacasa, Jon <Capacasa.jon@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Notes from today's meeting about DRBC's grant application for 2017

FYI

From: McFadden, Angela

Sent: Monday, December 05, 2016 4:54 PM

To: Scharl, Kimberly <Scharl.Kimberly@epa.gov>; Richardson, William <Richardson.William@epa.gov>; MacKnight, Evelyn <MacKnight.Evelyn@epa.gov>; Lai, Kuo-Liang <Lai.Kuo-Liang@epa.gov>; Reynolds, Lori <Reynolds.Lori@epa.gov>; Barath, Mark <Barath.Mark@epa.gov>; Hales, Dana <Hales.Dana@epa.gov>; Blanco-Gonzalez, Joel <Blanco-Gonzalez.Joel@epa.gov>; Garcia, Maria <Garcia.Maria@epa.gov>; Garcia, Beth <garcia.beth@epa.gov>; Hopkins, Edward J.. <Hopkins.Edward@epa.gov>

Subject: Notes from today's meeting about DRBC's grant application for 2017

There are a number of areas in which the commitments are written so as to lack quantitation or specificity. Examples:

- Monitoring without specifying extent (frequency, # stations, etc.)
- PCB TMDL implementation work doesn't include annual report or entry into DRBC's PCB Information Management System

Our best bet is to withhold funding until we have an acceptable workplan. We can communicate this to DRBC once we have clearance from Ev & Jon.

A possible compromise is to reach agreement on one or two priority tasks and provide partial funding that allows DRBC to draw funds towards those projects only. We need to prepare our comments for DRBC and invite them in to meet. If we want to resolve this in time for them to receive funds before their current grant funding runs out, we'd have to come to some agreement on the workplan in the next couple of weeks.

Program suggestions for a more acceptable workplan:

- PCB TMDL implementation commitment language should identify which permit DRBC has oversight for versus states
- Require explicit and quantitative reporting of completed monitoring work at mid-year and end-of-year
- Ask DRBC to provide technical basis for the frequency and extent they have selected for monitoring nutrients at tributary confluences
- Incorporate programmatic steps towards criteria development that they have committed to in other arenas (e.g. steps in resolutions or committees, such as convening a subcommittee on how to apply EPA's ammonia WQC recommendation).
- Ask DRBC if they can commit to finalizing their ammonia report (long overdue)
- Ask DRBC if they can commit to updating their NCP
- Ask DRBC if they can commit to completing a critical NCP task as a 106 workplan deliverable
- Let DRBC know that preparing the inventory of watershed projects (WRP) required by their charter could be funded under 106, if they wanted to use some funding for this instead funding of a low-priority project

Top three program priorities are ammonia, nutrient criteria development, and upgrading the designated use in the Estuary.

Lowest priorities of all proposed workplan activities are microplastics work and monitoring for pharmaceuticals and personal care products, pesticides, carbamates, and estrogenicity bioassay. We do not feel this work will significantly further DRBC's efforts to protect water quality in the Delaware River basin.

It would be good to check to make sure final workplan commitments have an adequate nexus to measures that apply for DRBC.

DRBC has relatively high overhead but it has been accepted by EPA. More than half of DRBC's funding is passed through to contractors.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: McFadden, Angela

Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2016 3:14 PM

To: McFadden, Angela; Scharl, Kimberly; Richardson, William; MacKnight, Evelyn; Lai, Kuo-Liang; Reynolds, Lori; Barath, Mark; Hales, Dana; Blanco-Gonzalez, Joel; Garcia, Maria; Garcia, Beth; Hopkins, Edward J..

Subject: Touch base on DRBC 2017 106 Grant

When: Monday, December 05, 2016 3:30 PM-4:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: 13-121 or call in to 215-814-2506, conference code 121422

Folks, let's get together briefly to share the status of 2017 CWA § 106 grant discussion with DRBC by Region 3 program leads. Are we finding everyone's satisfied with what's laid out in the 2017 grant application? Do we need additional communication with DRBC regarding our priorities?

From the Outlook schedule it appears Kim's out week, but it looks like this time works for everybody else. I can facilitate the discussion and provide a written summary to the group, give a report out to Kim.

It would be good to identify any issues we need to resolve to move forward in the process for the 2017 grant.

Thanks